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Applicant(s): Glen H. ERIKSON et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time for responding to the Rejection dated March 21, 2003, up to and including July 21, 2003, for the purpose of permitting the timely filing of the enclosed Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement.

Authorization to charge the additional fee of \$55.00 for the one-month extension of time for a small entity, and/or any additional fees associated with this Petition For Extension of Time is granted in the attached Fee Transmittal Form.

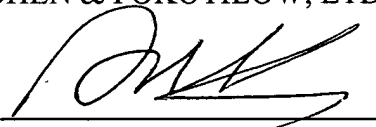
Respectfully submitted,

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July 21, 2003

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